

**SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 21, 2013  
5:30 P.M.  
GARLAND BOGGUS BOARD ROOM  
426 SCHOOL STREET  
SEBRING, FLORIDA**

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Director Vivianne Waldron shared some personal thoughts regarding Memorial Day, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Agenda Item I: Opening Items**

- IA** Chairperson Andy Tuck called the Regular School Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Garland Boggus Board Room at 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. On roll call, those present besides Chairperson Tuck were Mrs. Jan Shoop, Mr. Bill Brantley, Mrs. Donna Howerton, Mr. Ronnie Jackson, Superintendent Wally Cox, School Board Attorney John McClure and Executive Secretary Connie E. Scobey.
- IB** Character Word of the Month: “COURAGE” Presentation by PE The students from Park Elementary did a wonderful job in presenting their thoughts pertaining to “Courage.” They presented a lot of information regarding the Seven Habits and shared a wonderful song to wind down their presentation. Superintendent Cox and the Board shared their appreciation for the uplifting and wonderful presentation.
- IC** Recognitions: 2012/2013 Kids Tag Art: Mr. Eric Zwayer, Highlands County Tax Collector came forward to share some updated information regarding the 2012/13 Kids Tag Art Program. He stated that with the partnership of Champions for Children and Alan Jay, he was proud to present the School Board of Highlands County with a check for \$11,434 for the Elementary Art Programs. He shared his appreciation with Superintendent Cox and the Board along with Director Joyce McClelland, Mr. Kevin Roberts and Mr. Alan Jay for the efforts shared within this program. Superintendent Cox and the Board shared their appreciation for the funds collected and the effort all have given for this program.
- ID** Curriculum Presentation: Peace of Highlands County Essay Contest Winners (this item was moved to the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting)
- IE** School Board Member Committee Reports: Mr. Brantley shared some updated information regarding the rezoning in Lake Placid pertaining to the new bus compound.

IF      **Presentation of petitions, concerns or reports:** None were presented.  
(Presented must fill out a card and present it to the Board Secretary before the meeting is called to order. Speaker will have up to five minutes for the presentation.)

IG      **Superintendent's Report:**

- He reminded the Board of the upcoming Graduation dates, sharing the times and locations of the events.
- He requested permission to schedule a budget workshop on June 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00 p.m. Reviewing the calendars, there was no objection to the date and time, so the workshop was officially scheduled.

**Agenda Item II: Adopt the Agenda**

Mr. Jackson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mrs. Howerton seconded. On roll call, all members present voted "yes." SMB \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_

**Agenda item III: Consent Items**

Mrs. Howerton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Brantley seconded. On roll call, all members present voted "yes."

IIIA3a      Request approval of the minutes for the following meeting(s): Regular School Board Meeting 5-7-13 SMB \_\_\_\_\_  
P \_\_\_\_\_

IIIB1      Request approval of the Contract between HEC and AVID    SMB \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_

IIIC1a      Request to approve the Consultant Services Agreement for Negotiator Contract for 2013/2014    SMB \_\_\_\_\_  
P \_\_\_\_\_

IIIC1b      Request approval of the Florida Virtual School Program Participation Agreement    SMB \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_

IIIC1c      Request approval of Authorized Provider Agreement between American National Red Cross ("Red Cross") and the School Board of Highlands County (The "Authorized Provider")    SMB \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_

IID2a      Request approval of the "2013 I Am a Leader Foundation Grant" for WE, FW, LPE, SNL, MES, and CTE  
SMB \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_

IIIIE1a      **Request approval of the Payroll Calendar for FY 2013/14**      SMB\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_

IIIIE2a      **Request approval to award contract for Pest Control Services for General Household Pests, Rodents, Ant to Orkin Pest Control #SBHC#1213-05**      SMB\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_

IIIIE2b      **Request approval to award contract for Structural Engineering Services to Nobles Consulting Group #SBHC#1213-06**  
SMB\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_

IIIIE2c      **Request approval to award contract for HVAC Filters to Con Air Filters #SBHC1213-07**      SMB\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_

**Agenda Item IV: Action Items**

IVA1a      **Consider approval of out of zone request:**      SMB\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_  
• Gonzalez: The parent came forward and shared information with the Board regarding their request. Mrs. Howerton moved to approve the request. Mrs. Shoop seconded. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.”  
• Melvin: They did not show.  
• Velez: They did not show.

IVA2a      **Consider approval of the Proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances, Highlands County, Florida providing for Impact Fees:** Attorney John McClure addressed the Board regarding this Ordinance. Mr. Jackson moved to approve. Mr. Brantley seconded. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.”      SMB\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_

IVA5a      **Consider approval of the Superintendent’s recommendations for personnel:** Mrs. Howerton moved to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for personnel. Mr. Jackson seconded. Mr. Brantley asked if the Board was really going to let Mrs. Scobey retire. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.”      SMB\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_

IVA7a      **Consider approval of Expulsion(s) as listed:** Mr. Jackson moved to approve the expulsions as listed. Mrs. Shoop seconded. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.”      SMB\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_  
(1) SBHC1213-41 – Battery on Employee  
(2) SBHC1213-66 –Testing Positive for Drugs

- (3) SBHC1213-72 – Possession of Prescription Drugs
- (4) SBHC1213-73 – Disturbing the Peace/Multiple Discipline Referrals
- (5) SBHC1213-78 – Under Influence of Drugs
- (6) SBHC1213-80 – Possession/Distribution of Prescription Drugs
- (7) SBHC1213-81 – Possession/Distribution of Drugs
- (8) SBHC1213-82 – Possession of Drugs & Multiple Discipline Referrals
- (9) SBHC1213-84 – Refusal to take Reasonable Suspicion Drug Test
- (10) SBHC1213-85 – Possession of Drugs

IVC1a      Attorney John McClure shared information regarding the new job description for Transportation Dispatcher. Proof of publication of Rule Development was confirmed by Executive Secretary Connie Scobey. Chairperson Tuck opened the meeting for public comment and there was none. Mr. Brantley moved to approve development of the new description for Transportation Dispatcher. Mr. Jackson seconded. On roll call, all members present voted “yes.” SMB \_\_\_\_\_  
P \_\_\_\_\_

IVC2a      Report on development of the revisions to School Board Rule 6.914, Use of Sick Leave by Family Members or Employees:

- Proof of Publication of Rule Development
- Open Meeting for Public Comment
- Board Comments and Action

**Agenda Item V: Emergency Items**

Nothing was presented.

**Agenda Item VI: Legislative Issues for Discussion and/or Possible Action**

Nothing was presented

**Agenda Item VII: Planning/Zoning Issues for Discussion and/or Possible Action**

Nothing was presented

### **Agenda Item VIII: HCEA/HCESPA Comments**

**Ms. Carla Rice, the new HCEA President; Tim Murphy, HCEA Vice-President**

- Ms. Carla Rice, HCEA President was present and shared the following: her appreciation for the wonderful presentation by Ms. Waldron honoring Memorial Day and our Veterans/Troops; she shared appreciation with PE for their wonderful presentation on Courage; she shared her appreciation with Mr. Zwayer for the presentation of funds, stating that it is nice to see some of our graduates continuing to serve the community; she stated that she has served the students for twenty years and hopes that we will all work together in the coming years.

**Robin Britt, HCESPA President:**

- Ms. Robin Britt was not present at the meeting.

### **Agenda Item X: School Board Attorney Comments**

**School Board Attorney John McClure:**

- He shared his appreciation with Mr. Zwayer for his presentation on behalf of the Kids Art Program.
- He complimented PE on their wonderful presentation on Courage.
- He commented on Ms. Scobey's upcoming retirement.
- He shared congratulations with Ms. Marlene Welborn on her new appointment as Executive Secretary to the School Board.
- He commented and shared his appreciation with Ms. Waldron on her presentation, sharing a comment on her Father's jacket.

### **Agenda Item XI: Board Members' Comments**

**Mrs. Donna Howerton:**

- She shared her appreciation with Ms. Waldron on her wonderful presentation.
- She shared appreciation with PE for their uplifting presentation on Courage.
- She shared her appreciation with Mr. Zwayer on his partnership for the Kids Art Program.
- She shared her thoughts on the end of the year banquets and all of the student accomplishments.

**Mr. Bill Brantley:**

- He dittoed all of the previous comments of appreciation and also shared his thoughts and prayers are with all those out in Oklahoma.

**Mrs. Jan Shoop:**

- She also dittoed all of the comments shared regarding the presentations.
- She welcomed Ms. Rice and thanked her for her comments.
- She congratulated Ms. Welborn on her new appointment.

**Mr. Ronnie Jackson:**

- He dittoed all of the previous comments shared.

**Chairperson Andy Tuck:**

- He shared his appreciation with Ms. Waldron on her presentation this evening.
- He commented and shared his appreciation with PE on their wonderful presentation on Courage.
- He shared his prayers go out to our Military.
- He shared his appreciation with Director Vivianne Waldron and her staff for their assistance in interviewing for the Board Secretary.
- He congratulated Ms. Welborn on her new appointment as the School Board Secretary.
- He shared his appreciation with Connie Scobey on her years of service to the district, especially the twenty years to the School Board Members.

**Agenda Item XII: Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.